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1. I CALLED ON FONMINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA THIS MORNING (DECEMBER 27) TO DELIVER NOTE RE THE GREENE SETTLEMENT AWARDS. GARCIA BEDOYA SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS NOTE WITH FONMINISTER DE LA FLOR, AND THAT HE WOULD SUGGEST TO FONMIN THAT GOP SEND "ONE FINAL NOTE" AND WITH THAT END OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS SUBJECT ONCE AND FOR ALL. SUCH A NOTE, AS ENVISAGED BY GARCIA BEDOYA, WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE USG NOTE AND WOULD ONCE AGAIN STATE THAT GOP STRONGLY DISAGREES WITH THE USG DECISION ON AWARDING PORTION OF THE GREENE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO EXXON. HE SAID THE GOP WOULD PROBABLY SEND SUCH A NOTE EARLY IN THE COMING WEEK.

2. I THEN SHOWED GARCIA BEDOYA A COPY OF COLUMN IN DECMEBER 26 CORREO BY "MARCIAL PUMASONQO" RELATING THE US AWARDS UNDER GREENE SETTLEMENT AND ALLEGATIONS OF CIA-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES IN PERU (AND REPEATING EXPRESO ALLEGATIONS THAT AMBASSADOR AND FOUR EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE CIA AGENTS). GARCIA BEDOYA EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS BY EXPRESO, AND NOW BY CORREO, DEFINITELY DO NOT REFLECT GOP POLICY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TELEPHONE HUGO NEIRA, THE DIRECTOR OF CORREO, TODAY TO ADVISE HIM TO PUBLISH NO MORE SUCH ARTICLES. HE SAID HE
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DOES NOT KNOW WHO "MARCIAL PUMASONQO" IS BUT ASSUMES (AS DOES

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THE EMBASSY) THIS IS A PEN NAME OF SOME CORREO STAFF MEMBER. GARCIA BEDOYA SAID THAT FONMINISTRY HAS ALSO HAD ITS PROBLEMS WITH "MARCIAL PUMASONQO" BECAUSE OF THE LATTER'S RECENT CRITICISM OF THE FONMINISTRY, APPARENTLY FOR NOT ADOPTING AND CARRYING OUT WHAT WRITER CONCLUDED WOULD BE A SUFFICIENTLY "REVOLUTIONARY" LINE CONCERNING THE GREENE SETTLEMENT AND OTHER POLICY MATTERS AS WELL. GARCIA BEDOYA THEN REPEATED THAT IF THE GOP ATTACHED ANY CREDENCE TO THESE NEWSPAPER ALLEGATIONS, OR ENTERTAINED ANY SUSPICIONS IN THIS REGARD, GOP WOULD LET EMBASSY KNOW IMMEDIATELY AND ON OFFICIAL BASIS.

3. COMMENT: GARCIA BEDOYA, IF ANYTHING, WAS MORE EXPLICIT THIS TIME IN STATING THAT GOP DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE UNFOUNDED NEWSPAPER ALLEGATIONS THAN HE WAS WHEN I DISCUSSED THE DECEMBER 20 EXPRESO ARTICLE WITH HIM. CONSEQUENTLY I THINK IT IS REASONABLY WELL ESTABLISHED THAT THE GOP IS NOT "BUYING" THESE UNFOUNDED AND INACCURATE ALLEGATIONS. THIS IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THESE OR SIMILAR CHARGES WILL NOT OCCASIONALLY BE AIRED IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS IN THE FUTURE, PARTICULARLY IN SIGNED ARTICLES BY LEFTISTS WORKING ON STAFFS OF SOME OF THESE NEWSPAPERS.
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